

Disc 4 – Drew Dix Story

Beyond the Medal of Honor

Lesson Plans

Into

1. Our nation's thirty-second president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, once remarked, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Fear often paralyzes one's ability to think and act decisively. Interview a parent, pastor, politician or other trusted and wise adult about a time when he/she acted without fear in order to stand up for what was right. Take notes or tape your interview. Share in an essay, an oral presentation or during a small roundtable discussion with classmates the events of this person's experience.
2. During an interview for this film, Drew Dix says "you can be a hero in any walk of life." Being a hero isn't just about bravery; it is about strength of character. Choose someone from a "walk of life" whom you believe is a hero. This may be someone you know personally, someone whom you have heard about or someone from film or a work of literature. In an essay or through photo journaling depict this person's character and noble action(s).

Through

1. The Congressional Medal of Honor has come to symbolize many things: self-less sacrifice, loyalty and bravery. Describe how the actions of Army Green Beret Drew Dix during a 56- hour battle in Chau Doc, Vietnam, revealed these qualities.
2. Faith Dix, Drew's mom, noticed important qualities of character early in Drew's boyhood. According to Mrs. Dix, what were these characteristics and how do we see evidence of them in Drew's actions during his years in Vietnam as well as during the 1968 battle to restore peace to Chau Doc?
3. Why was it so important to Drew Dix that he rescue Nurse Maggie O'Brien before he did anything else in Chau Doc that day in 1968? What did Maggie represent for Drew? Explain what this tells us about Drew and his values?
4. Those who knew Drew Dix during his Vietnam days often comment on the respect he had for others. Explain how Drew Dix exemplified this attribute and how it may have factored in his success as a soldier.

Beyond

1. CIA operative Jim Monroe once said in reference to Drew Dix, "If you had two more like him, you could march into hell and put the fire out." This kind of determination has been evidence by other great individuals as well. Through literature or film, learn about Winston Churchill, Ernest Shackleton and/or Harriet Tubman. Discuss with your class their strength of character and what they share in common with Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Drew Dix.
2. Design a civilian "Medal of Honor" and then write a citation about a hero in your own life. If you desire, present it at a school assembly or give as a gift to your special "hero".

Name _____

Class _____

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Comprehension Quiz

1. What year was Drew Dix assigned to the CIA?
 - a) 1959
 - b) 1967
 - c) 1970

2. In 1968, the Vietcong launched a major offensive attack during this Vietnamese holiday:
 - a) Tet
 - b) Independence day
 - c) Christmas

3. Which president presented Drew Dix with the Medal of Honor?
 - a) Lyndon B. Johnson
 - b) Harry S. Truman
 - c) George Bush

4. At what age did Dix join the Army Special Forces
 - a) 18
 - b) 20
 - c) 21

5. How did Dix view the counter culture (war protestors) in the U.S.?
 - a) agreed with them
 - b) disagreed with them
 - c) didn't care

6. What is the name of the nurse Drew Dix rescued?
 - a) Lisa Smith
 - b) Jenny Tomlinson
 - c) Maggie O'Brien

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7. Drew Dix led what indigenous force?
 - a) The Viet Cong
 - b) Provincial Reconnaissance Unit
 - c) South Vietnamese Army

8. What Vietnam province did Drew Dix and his force help to rescue?
 - a) Da Nang
 - b) Seoul
 - c) Chau Doc

9. How many USAID volunteers were trapped?
 - a) 10
 - b) 8
 - c) 12

10. Dix knew there was a large number of Vietcong hiding in which building?
 - a) the theater
 - b) the grocery store
 - c) the hospital